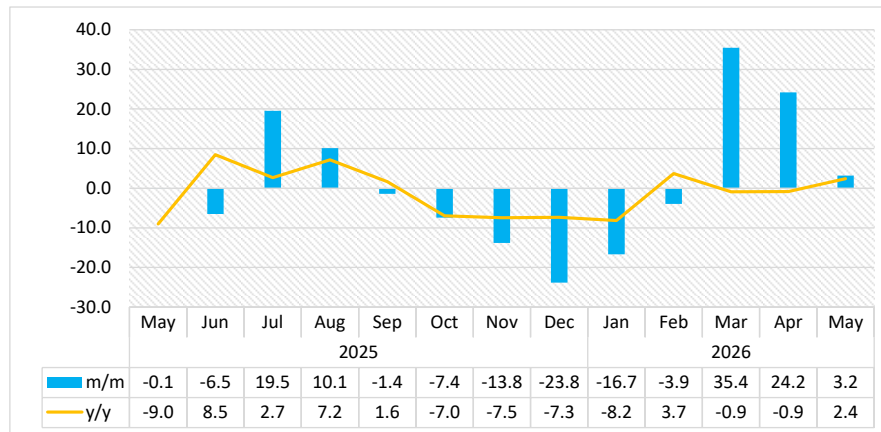




ROOMS & BEDS OCCUPANCY

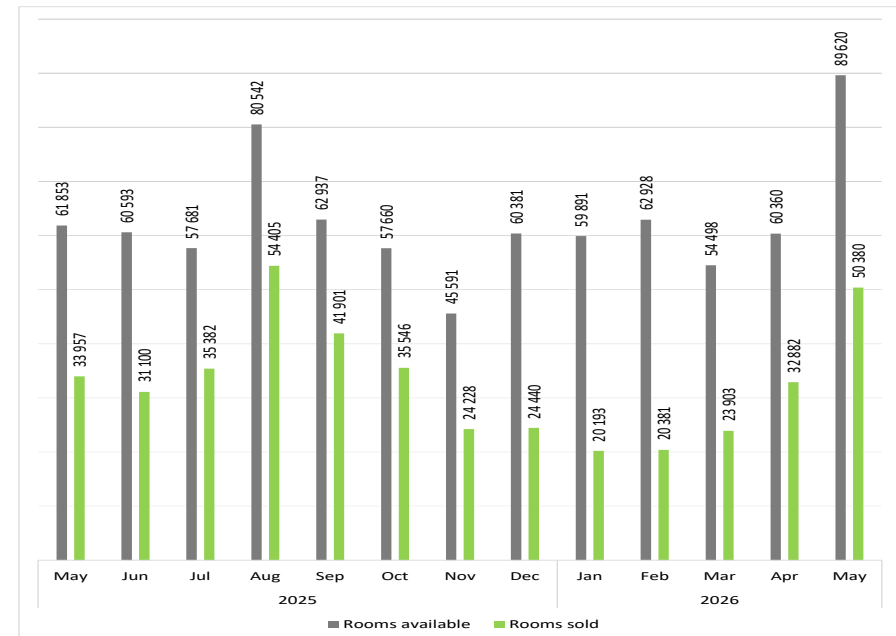
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Chart 1: Rooms Occupancy Rate Index, Percentage Change



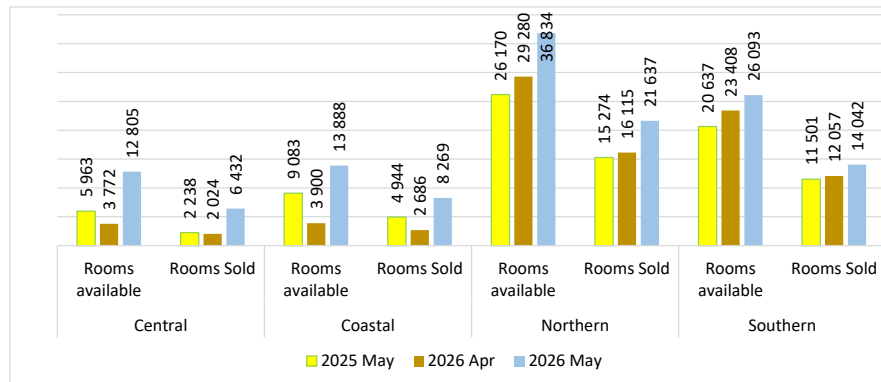
- The **Rooms Occupancy Rate Index** continued to increase in May 2026, although at a slower pace, recording a 3.2 percent growth on a month-on-month basis in May 2026, following a strong 24.2 percent increase recorded in April 2026, indicating a moderation in the pace of growth. On a year-on-year basis, the index rose by 2.4 percent compared to May 2025 (Chart 1).
- The monthly increase was primarily driven by improved occupancy rates across hospitality establishments in the northern and southern regions. In contrast, both the coastal and central regions recorded a decline during the review period.
- Regionally, the northern region recorded the strongest growth, with occupancy rates rising by 6.7 percent. The southern region followed, registering an increase of 4.5 percent. Conversely, the coastal and central regions recorded declines of 13.4 percent and 6.4 percent, respectively, during the period under review.

Chart 2: Number of Rooms Available and Sold



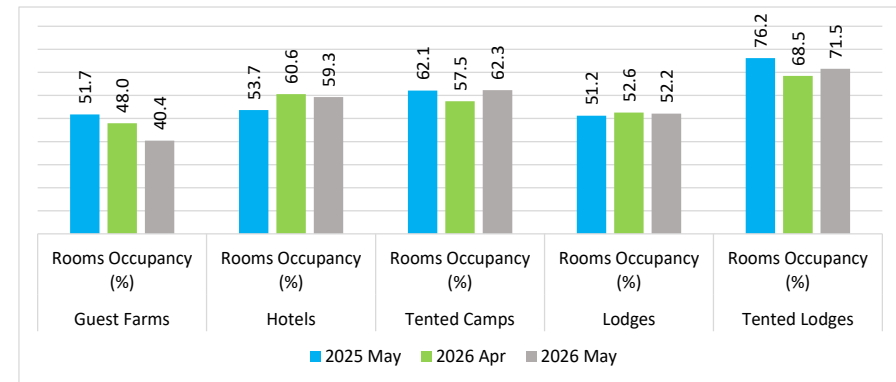
- During the period under review, a total of 89 620 rooms were available in May 2026, of which 50 380 were occupied, resulting in an occupancy rate of 56.2 percent. This was an improvement from April 2026, when 32 882 of the 60 360 available rooms were occupied, corresponding to an occupancy rate of 54.5 percent (Chart 2).

Chart 3: Number of Rooms Available and Sold by Region



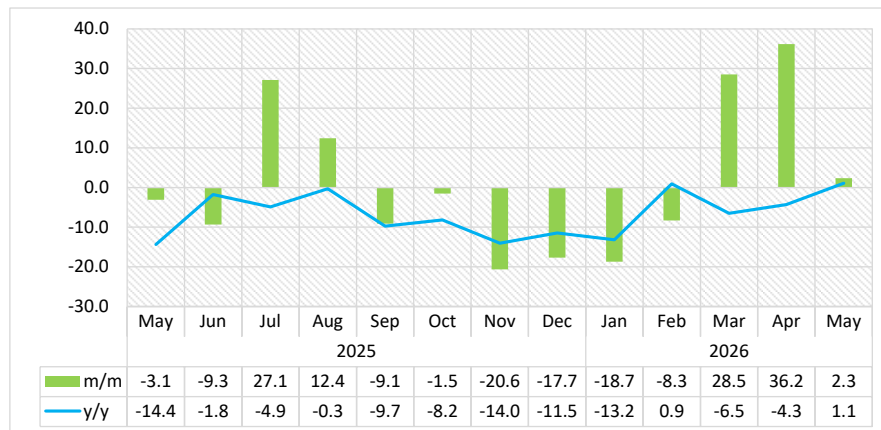
- In May 2026, the northern region recorded 36 834 available rooms, an increase from 29 280 rooms in April 2026 and 26 170 rooms recorded in the corresponding month of 2025 (Chart 3).
- A total of 21 637 rooms were occupied in the northern region during the period under review, compared to 16 115 rooms in April 2026 and 15 274 rooms sold in May 2025.
- In the southern region, a total of 26 093 rooms were available in May 2026. Of these, 14 042 rooms were occupied, while the remaining 12 051 rooms were unoccupied during the month.

Chart 4: Rooms Occupancy by Type of Hospitality Establishments



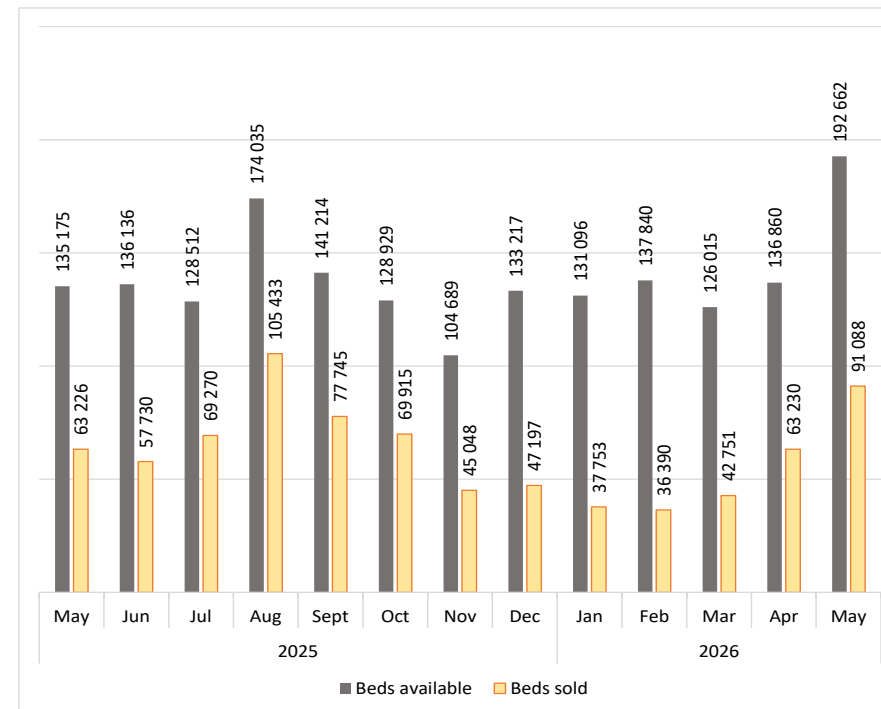
- In May 2026, room occupancy rates moderated across most accommodation categories compared to the previous month, apart from tented lodges and tented camps, which recorded improvements (Chart 4).
- Tented lodges and tented camps posted strong performances in May, with occupancy rates increasing to 71.5 percent from 68.5 percent and 62.3 percent from 57.5 percent, respectively.
- In contrast, hotels and lodges experienced slight declines in occupancy rates, falling to 59.3 percent and 52.2 percent, respectively, from 60.6 percent and 52.6 percent recorded a month earlier.
- Similarly, guest farms posted lower occupancy levels, with the occupancy rate declining to 40.4 percent in May 2026 from 48.0 percent recorded in the preceding month.

Chart 5: Beds Occupancy Index, Percentage Change



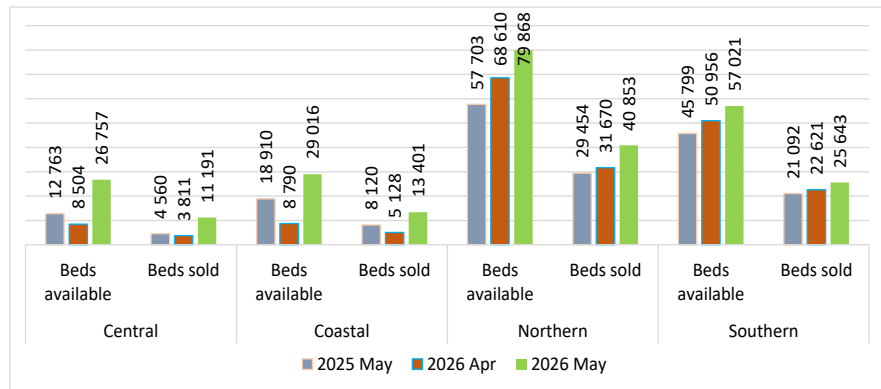
- The **Bed Occupancy Rate Index** recorded a slower month-on-month increase of 2.3 percent in May 2026, following a robust 36.2 percent increase in April 2026, reflecting a moderation in the pace of growth. On an annual basis, the index rose by 1.1 percent compared to May 2025 (Chart 5).
- The monthly increase was mainly supported by improved bed occupancy across hospitality establishments in the northern and southern regions. In contrast, the coastal and central regions recorded lower occupancy levels during the review period.
- At the regional level, the northern region registered the strongest month-on-month growth in bed occupancy, rising by 10.8 percent in May 2026. The southern region followed with an increase of 1.3 percent, while the coastal and central regions recorded declines of 20.8 percent and 6.7 percent, respectively.

Chart 6: Number of Beds Available and Sold



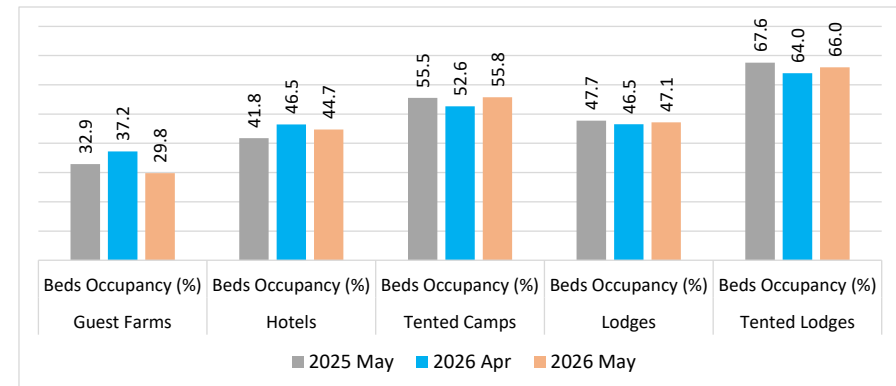
- During the period under review, a total of 91 088 beds were occupied out of 192 662 beds available nationwide, compared to 63 230 beds occupied out of 136 860 beds available in April 2026 (Chart 6).
- The increase in the number of occupied beds was driven by the expansion in total bed capacity between April and May 2026, indicating stronger demand for accommodation services during the review period.

Chart 7: Number of Beds Available and Sold by Region



- In May 2026, the northern region recorded 79 868 available beds in hospitality establishments, up from 68 610 beds in April 2026 and 57 703 beds registered in the same month of 2025.
- The southern region reported 57 021 available beds during the review period, increasing from 50 956 beds in April 2026 and 45 799 beds available recorded in May 2025.
- Bed availability in the coastal region rose to 29 016 beds in May 2026 from 8 790 beds in the preceding month. Similarly, the central region recorded 26 757 available beds, up from 8 504 beds registered in April 2026 (Chart 7).

Chart 8: Beds Occupancy by Type of Hospitality Establishments



- During the period under review, bed occupancy rates increased across most categories of accommodation establishments compared to April 2026, except for hotels and guest farms, which recorded declines.
- In May 2026, tented lodges recorded the strongest month-on-month growth in bed occupancy, rising by 66.0 percent. This was followed by tented camps and lodges, which registered increases of 55.8 percent and 47.1 percent, respectively.
- Conversely, hotels and guest farms ranked fourth and fifth among the accommodation categories and recorded the weakest performance, with bed occupancy declining by 44.7 percent and 29.8 percent, respectively, during the review period (Chart 8).

Table 1: The Indices of Rooms and Beds Occupancy

Year	Month	Index for Room Occupancy rates	Index for Bed Occupancy rates
2021	Jan	37.0	42.8
	Feb	35.3	36.1
	Mar	36.7	41.2
	Apr	50.6	55.7
	May	45.8	54.1
	Jun	30.6	32.5
	Jul	21.7	26.1
	Aug	37.7	44.4
	Sep	50.1	55.7
	Oct	61.8	72.5
	Nov	64.2	71.0
	Dec	50.8	64.0
2022	Jan	35.2	41.9
	Feb	48.1	48.3
	Mar	51.1	56.3
	Apr	66.7	80.7
	May	71.9	84.8
	Jun	58.7	67.2
	Jul	95.9	116.7
	Aug	111.9	135.2
	Sep	96.6	117.9
	Oct	62.0	73.1
	Nov	83.7	96.1
	Dec	69.3	86.2
2023	Jan	67.7	78.8
	Feb	57.8	65.1
	Mar	74.3	85.1
	Apr	94.7	120.1
	May	92.8	108.6
	Jun	93.5	103.7
	Jul	111.4	134.5
	Aug	125.8	154.6
	Sep	119.6	141.8
	Oct	119.7	146.0
	Nov	91.0	114.5
	Dec	72.3	90.0

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Year	Month	Index for Room Occupancy rates	Index for Bed Occupancy rates
2024	Jan	67.2	77.3
	Feb	66.4	76.0
	Mar	89.9	105.7
	Apr	106.3	124.3
	May	110.2	131.0
	Jun	86.4	103.6
	Jul	109.1	136.0
	Aug	115.1	145.8
	Sep	119.6	146.3
	Oct	121.0	141.7
	Nov	104.9	120.1
	Dec	79.8	96.0
2025	Jan	67.1	79.6
	Feb	57.0	62.8
	Mar	80.8	87.1
	Apr	100.3	115.8
	May	100.3	112.2
	Jun	93.7	101.8
	Jul	112.0	129.3
	Aug	123.4	145.4
	Sep	121.6	132.1
	Oct	112.6	130.1
	Nov	97.0	103.3
	Dec	73.9	85.0
2026	Jan	61.6	69.1
	Feb	59.1	63.3
	Mar	80.1	81.4
	Apr	99.5	110.9
	May	102.7	113.4

Methodology

Background:	The room and bed occupancy indices serve as a proxy for the tourism sector, a priority sector under NDP5.
Data sources:	Hospitality Association of Namibia.
Central regions:	Khomas, Omaheke and Otjozondjupa.
Coastal region:	Erongo.
Northern regions:	Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Kunene, Kavango East, Kavango West and Zambezi.
Southern regions:	//Kharas and Hardap.
Base year:	The volumes have been referenced to 2015 data as of November 2019.
Conversion:	1 basis point = 0.01 percent.